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C O N F I D E N T I A L ATHENS 5804

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: UN, IS, GR

SUBJECT: MOVE TO OUST ISRAEL FROM UN

REF: A. STATE 176629

B. STATE 176630

C. USNATO 3893

D. STATE 175558

1. POLITICAL COUNSELOR HAS SPOKEN WITH MFA'S DIRECTOR OF

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INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS, MANOS MEGALOKONOMOS,

ABOUT GREEK POSITION ON UNGA ISSUES IN GENERAL AND ISRAELI
EXPULSION PROBLEM IN PARTICULAR. MEGALOKONOMOS WAS AWARE
OF OUR VIEWS AS A RESULT OF THE JULY 23 NAC MEETING
(REF C), BUT SAID THAT FONOFF WAS JUST BEGINNING TO
ADDRESS ISSUES RELATING TO UNGA. HE OBSERVED THAT GREECE
WOULD OF COURSE TEND TO VIEW THESE ISSUES THROUGH THE
PRISM OF GREEK-TURKISH RELATIONS AND THE CYPRUS PROBLEM.
BEFORE DEFINING POSITION ON ISRAELI EXPULSION, GREEK
GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE TO ASCERTAIN TURKISH POSITION AND
TACTICS. MEGALOKONOMOS BELIEVED THEREFORE THAT DETAILED
EXCHANGE ON THIS AND OTHER UNGA ISSUES WOULD BE MORE
PROFITABLE IN A FEW WEEKS AFTER GOG HAD LOOKED INTO
THEM FURTHER.

2. COMMENT: WE HAVE PROVIDED DEPARTMENT'S LEGAL ANALYSIS
(REF D) TO MEGALOKONOMOS. SINCE, AS MEGALOKONOMOS STATED, GREEK
GOVERNMENT WILL APPROACH ISRAEL EXPULSION ISSUE WITH ONE EYE ON
CYPRUS AND GREECE'S RELATIONS WITH TURKEY, WE BELIEVE THERE IS
LITTLE OR NO LIKELIHOOD THAT GREEKS COULD BE PERSUADED
TO LOBBY IN SUPPORT OF ISRAEL WITH ANY OF THE NON-ALIGNED
OR ARAB COUNTRIES. WE WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE
GREEK POSITION CLOSELY AND TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS
AT VARIOUS LEVELS OF FONOFF IF THEY APPEAR NECESSARY IN
COMING WEEKS.

3. WE ASSUME THAT DEPARTMENT WILL BE ENCOURAGING THE
EC-9, INDIVIDUALLY AND COLLECTIVELY, TO WEIGH IN WITH THE
GREEKS ON THIS ISSUE. THE ITALIANS, FOR EXAMPLE, HAVE
MADE NO SUCH REPRESENTATIONS HERE AS YET AS EC
PRESIDENT.
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